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Shultz Labels Report By Post 'Blind Alley'

Secretary of State George P. Shultz said yesterday that a report in The Washington Post about a U.S. counterterrorist program that was terminated after an unauthorized car-bomb blast in Lebanon is "a blind alley."

"It's absolutely a blind alley . . . a story that's created a big hubbub about something that's not correct," Shultz said.

Questioned further, he said, "I don't want to get into it because I just haven't been able to inform myself well enough."

Until now he had declined all comment on the story. When someone mentioned the Central Intelligence Agency's denial as being pro forma, Shultz responded, "If the CIA denies something, it's denied."

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